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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

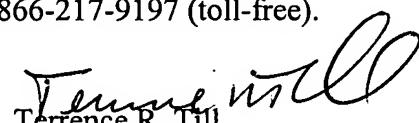
1. The reply filed on 2/9/2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In the Election of Species requirement, mailed 2/1/06, applicant was notified that the claims (1-20) were **generic** to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species and that applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species. It is understood that claims 1-20 read on the charging apparatus of the invention, shown in figures 43-53. The examiner requires applicant to choose one of the patentably distinct species of vacuum cleaner identified in species A-N. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terrence R. Till whose telephone number is (571) 272-1280. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. through Thurs. and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gladys P. Corcoran can be reached on (571) 272-1214. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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